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technical knowledge and for want of support, many things which could be turned easily and with little cost into articles of much value, were being wasted. As an instance, he cited the case of the pine apple leaves, out of which, excellent fibre, equal to silk in quality and even superior to it in point of strength, could be extracted; and he exhibited before the Assembly a handkerchief woven out of the pine-apple fibre. He also mentioned as other instances, the odallum fruit, nuxvomica (kanjiram) out of which strychnine was manufactured, chappongu &c. The Member therefore requested the earnest consideration of the Government to this important subject and he suggested that a Committee be appointed to conduct an Industrial Survey of the country and to enquire into and report on the existing industries in the State and the new industries which could be started. As a result of the investigation, it should be found out what things could be immediately worked upon with great practical benefit and without much cost. After the report was received, the Government should start a few industries here and there, and in course of time they should withdraw and leave those industries in the hands of the people. The Government should also encourage men coming forward for industrial enterprises. The Member concluded by saying that he only submitted a suggestion, and that it should take practical shape at the hands of the Government, whose responsibility in the matter was, in his opinion, very great.

Dewan's reply.—The Member has dealt with an important subject well. His suggestions are noted.

41. Technical studies with special reference to industries like coir-yarn, copra, and weaving.

Mr. N. Kumaran Ashan (Member, Nominated) said that coir-yarn, copra and weaving were some of the staple industries of the State and that they were mostly in the hands of the Ezhavas. As the prosperity of the people and of the State greatly depended upon the successful and systematic development of industries, the Member thought it was high time that the Government should take into their hands the organisation and development of those industries. He suggested that the industries might be organised on a scientific basis and placed under the charge of young men who had obtained special training in Europe or America. He pointed out that, as the Ezhava community had much interest in the above industries, it would be desirable to send some young men from that community to foreign countries to undergo training.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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